

### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Commonwealth Transportation Board

**THROUGH:** Charles M. Badger

Agency Director

FROM: Corey Hill

Chief of Public Transportation

**DATE:** August 20, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Monthly Statewide Ridership Report

DRPT is pleased to present the monthly statewide ridership report, summarizing June 2009 transit, human service and passenger rail ridership data. This monthly report provides a snapshot of current performance and recent trends. DRPT continues to work with individual operators to refine data and ensure that all modes, including bus, rail and specialized service for the elderly and disabled, are accurately reported, and to ensure that this monthly report is comprehensive.

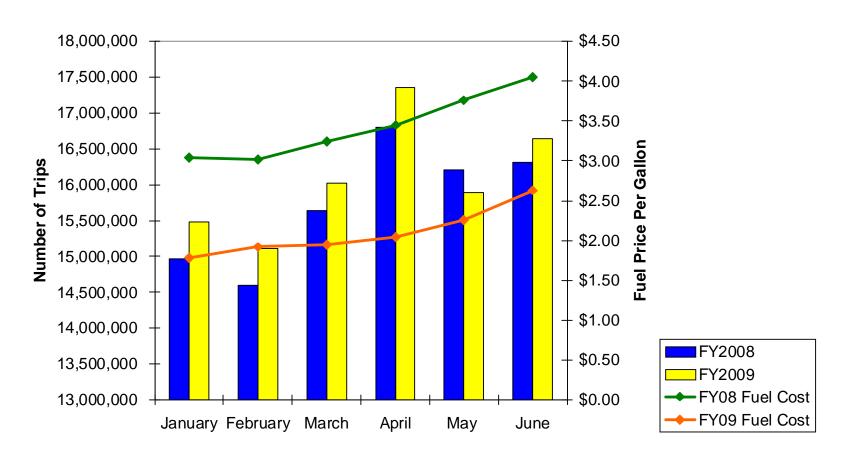
The following key facts are based on a year-over-year comparison of monthly results reported by operators for June 2008 and June 2009.

### **Key Facts**

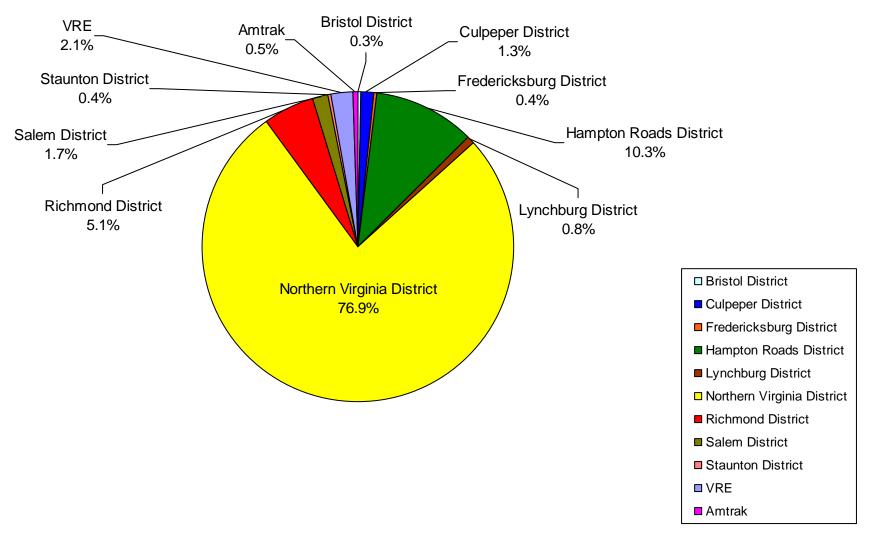
- Year over year comparisons:
  - o The price of fuel per gallon dropped 35.1 percent to \$2.63 per gallon in June 2009, as compared to the June 2008 price of \$4.05 per gallon.
  - Virginia statewide ridership for the month of June 2009 increased by two percent, or 289,182 trips, as compared to June 2008 based on reports from 58 (of 59) transit operators, 46 (of 55) human service operators, and both passenger rail operators.
  - o June 2009 included one more weekday than June 2008.
  - Year-to-date Virginia statewide ridership increased by five percent, or 10,140,804 trips, over the same period in FY08.
- Transportation district comparisons:
  - In transit ridership, the Northern Virginia District accounts for the majority at 79.3 percent in June 2009, followed by the Hampton Roads District at 10.6 percent and the Richmond District at 5.3 percent.
  - In human service ridership, the Staunton District accounts for the majority at 24.2 percent in June 2009, followed by the Hampton Roads District at 18.2 percent and the Fredericksburg District at 14.3 percent.
  - The district with the greatest increase in transit and human service ridership combined for June 2009, as compared to June 2008, is the Culpeper district at 27 percent, or 45,903 additional trips.

# FY2008-FY2009 Ridership and Fuel Cost Comparison

Ridership increases two percent despite 35 percent decrease in fuel cost

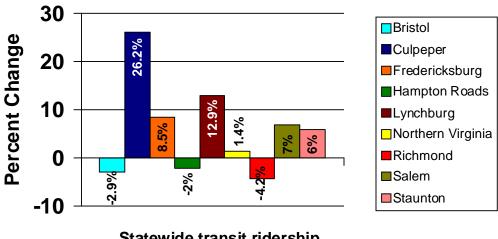


# **June 2009 Statewide Ridership by District**



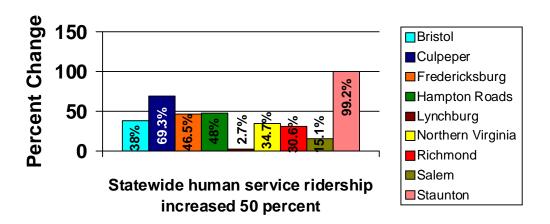
VRE and Amtrak ridership is not included within district totals because the operators provide cross-district service. Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

### June 2009 vs. June 2008 Transit Ridership by District



Statewide transit ridership increased 1.7 percent

## June 2009 vs. June 2008 Human Service Ridership by District



Staunton's dramatic human service ridership increase can be attributed to the addition of a new service, Vector Industries, in 2009.

# June 2009 Ridership Report

Operator Deit	Total Ridership June 2009	Total Ridership June 2008	Percent Change		Fiscal YTD 2008 (July 2007 - June 2008)	Percent Change
Passenger Rail	240,000	220.452	60/	2.057.040	2 620 562	60/
Virginia Railway Express	348,826	328,153	6%	3,857,646	3,628,563	6% 40/
Amtrak (Virginia Only)	90,482	100,275	-10%	1,037,663	1,029,193	1%
Total Passenger Rail Ridership	439,308	428,428	3%	4,895,309	4,657,756	5%
Bristol District	7.040	7.004	00/	77.500	70.000	00/
City of Bristol Transit	7,012	7,224	-3%	77,539	70,988	9%
District Three Public Transit	18,040	17,222	5%	219,678	210,004	5%
Four County Transit	14,968	15,261	-2%	171,402	183,811	-7%
Junction Center For Independent Living	290	279	4%	2,282	3,307	-31%
Mount Rogers Community Services Board	2,354	1,638	44%	25,718	17,025	51%
Mountain Empire Older Citizens	4,581	5,510	-17%	72,719	62,700	16%
Town of Bluefield-Graham Transit	2,609	3,381	-23%	37,363	39,856	-6%
Bristol District Total	49,854	50,515	-1%	606,701	587,691	3%
Culpeper District						
Charlottesville Transit Service	174,573	131,790	32%	2,012,462	1,701,813	18%
Greene County Transit	4,161	3,950	5%	55,936	52,981	6%
JAUNT	23,372	22,010	6%	282,598	261,846	8%
Rappahannock-Rapidan CSB-AAA	3,957	2,338	69%	34,971	27,979	25%
Virginia Regional Transit - Culpeper County	514	364	41%	5,700	4,351	31%
Virginia Regional Transit - Fauquier/Warrenton	2,153	2,185	-1%	31,086	30,140	3%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town of Culpeper	6,120	5,666	8%	69,380	59,572	16%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town of Orange	2,328	2,972	-22%	27,336	28,483	-4%
Culpeper District Total	217,178	171,275	27%	2,519,469	2,167,165	16%

Operator	Total Ridership June 2009	Total Ridership June 2008	Percent Change		Fiscal YTD 2008 (July 2007 - June 2008)	Percent Change
Fredericksburg District						
Bay Aging	11,822	12,504	-5%	134,199	134,966	-1%
Bay Aging/Colonial Beach Transit	1,405	1,090	29%	12,152	9,380	30%
FRED - Caroline County	837	755	11%	8,300	6,189	34%
FRED - King George	1,880	1,958	-4%	21,971	15,867	38%
Fredericksburg Regional Transit	45,821	40,171	14%	529,541	405,338	31%
Rappahannock Area Community Services Board	11,757	8,024	47%	124,194	99,290	25%
Fredericksburg District Total	73,522	64,502	14%	830,357	671,030	24%
Hampton Roads District						
Arc of the Virginia Peninsula	1,323	n/a	n/a	14,415	n/a	n/a
Chesapeake Service Systems	477	306	56%	5,195	4,551	14%
Eastern Shore Community Services Board	2,524	2,040	24%	31,675	29,494	7%
ESAAA/CAA	1,633	881	85%	12,110	11,778	3%
Hampton Roads Transit	1,390,901	1,365,829	2%	15,945,951	15,609,257	2%
Historic Triangle Senior Center	657	n/a	n/a	5,463	n/a	n/a
Peninsula Agency on Aging	1,725	1,878	-8%	22,336	22,830	-2%
Senior Services	4,326	1,857	133%	38,182	25,284	51%
Sussex-Greensville-Emporia Adult Activity Services	1,735	1,793	-3%	21,657	21,577	0%
Town of Chincoteague Transit	1,957	1,846	6%	13,442	14,689	-8%
Western Tidewater Community Service Board	555	349	59%	8,763	7,041	24%
Williamsburg Area Transit Authority	314,319	373,569	-16%	2,958,226	3,088,613	-4%
Hampton Roads District Total	1,722,132	1,750,348	-2%	19,077,415	18,835,114	1%

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Lynchburg District Blackstone Area Bus / Piedmont Area Transit	750	500	070/	0.025	0.000	F.F.0/
	759	598	27%	9,835	6,360	55%
Crossroads Community Services	43	n/a	n/a	1,230	n/a	n/a
Danville City's Parks, Recreation, and Tourism;	0.7	40	000/	074	070	
Stonewall Therapeutic Recreation Center	87	46	89%	871	873	0%
Danville Transit System	20,102	19,222	5%	255,090	229,715	11%
Farmville Area Bus	4,189	4,372	-4%	118,076	111,107	6%
Greater Lynchburg Transit Company	105,639	91,829	15%	3,072,778	2,575,380	19%
JAUNT Buckingham	1,225	728	68%	11,572	9,029	28%
Lake Area Bus / Halifax Area Rural Transit	509	596	-15%	6,362	6,318	1%
Southside Community Services Board	2,103	2,266	-7%	29,195	19,254	52%
STEPS	1,033	880	17%	13,399	11,442	17%
The Arc of Central Virginia	11	n/a	n/a	99	n/a	n/a
Lynchburg District Total	135,700	120,537	13%	3,518,507	2,969,478	18%
Northern Virginia District						
Alexandria Transit Company - DASH	345,095	357,247	-3%	4,006,825	3,978,773	1%
Arlington County	124,326	118,575	5%	1,428,828	1,225,517	17%
City of Alexandria - King Street Trolley*	47,418	54,001	-12%	575,151	133,862	330%
City of Fairfax - CUE	73,675	84,345	-13%	947,886	1,047,346	-9%
ECHO	4,401	3,676	20%	47,431	41,403	15%
Fairfax County - Connector	774,351	901,542	-14%	9,577,837	9,810,228	-2%
Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia	136	65	109%	1,486	780	91%
Loudoun County Transit	80,665	76,072	6%	890,011	777,273	15%
PRTC	271,548	269,522	1%	3,172,074	2,849,184	11%
The Arc of Greater Prince William	6,165	4,205	47%	67,372	57,467	17%
Virginia Regional Transit - Loudoun	54,120	45,894	18%	557,349	452,851	23%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town of Purcellville	1,928	1,696	14%	17,276	18,496	-7%
WMATA Metrobus	1,992,483	1,919,968	4%	22,808,625	21,574,431	6%
WMATA Metrorail**	9,013,165	8,711,959	3%	101,183,949	97,964,380	3%
Northern Virginia District Total	12,789,476	12,548,767	2%	145,282,100	139,931,991	4%

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Richmond District						
Bay Aging/New Kent/Charles City	1,226	895	37%	11,673	10,682	9%
Beth Sholom Home	431	315	37%	3,919	3,678	7%
Blackstone Area Bus	2,071	1,440	44%	20,174	16,074	26%
Blackstone Area Bus / Dinwiddie County	228	n/a	n/a	398	n/a	n/a
Blackstone Area Bus / Town & County Transit	335	280	20%	4,078	2,891	41%
Blackstone Area Bus- Brunswick Express	186	126	48%	4,406	2,959	49%
Chesterfield Community Services Board	1,738	1,518	14%	19,693	18,079	9%
Crater District Area Agency On Aging /FGP	3,048	3,423	-11%	46,719	50,493	-7%
Daily Planet	97	n/a	n/a	324	n/a	n/a
ElderHomes Corporation	140	150	-7%	1,740	1,914	-9%
Goochland Free Clinic And Family Services	107	180	-41%	1,221	1,910	-36%
Greater Richmond Transit Company	794,209	833,418	-5%	12,920,673	10,229,535	26%
Lake Country Area Agency on Aging	1,692	1,592	6%	15,689	20,830	-25%
Petersburg Area Transit	49,028	48,397	1%	366,414	601,625	-39%
RCAP	627	n/a	n/a	3,955	n/a	n/a
St. Joseph's Villa	1,126	n/a	n/a	4,456	n/a	n/a
Richmond District Total	856,289	891,734	-4%	13,425,532	10,960,670	22%
Salem District						
Blacksburg Transit	58,061	45,671	27%	2,969,144	2,630,231	13%
Goodwill Industries of the Valleys	310	n/a	n/a	1,869	n/a	n/a
Greater Roanoke Transit Company	209,265	211,011	-1%	2,578,062	2,473,934	4%
New River Valley Community Services	1,760	1,769	-1%	25,847	21,517	20%
Piedmont Community Services	569	537	6%	6,626	6,542	1%
Pulaski Area Transit	7,545	2,530	198%	66,941	87,607	-24%
RADAR/Martinsville/Henry County	185	n/a	n/a	530	n/a	n/a
RADAR / Roanoke	2,717	403	574%	23,992	8,314	189%
Southern Area Agency on Aging	4,884	4,386	11%	38,520	52,565	-27%
Stepping Stones	38	37	3%	600	442	36%
Salem District Total	285,334	266,344	7%	5,712,131	5,281,152	8%

Operator Staunton District	Total Ridership June 2009	Total Ridership June 2008	Percent Change		Fiscal YTD 2008 (July 2007 - June 2008)	Percent Change
Blue Ridge Opportunity Services	187	n/a	n/a	2,226	n/a	n/a
Harrisonburg Dept. of Public Transportation	21,246	19,081	11%	1,709,558	1,491,056	15%
Winchester Transit	10,330	13,322	-22%	130,494	139,128	-6%
Friendship Industries	1,086	728	49%	11,199	12,114	-8%
Northwestern Community Services	1,044	2,385	-56%	12,059	16,155	-25%
Pleasant View, Inc.	5,384	n/a	n/a	66,493	n/a	n/a
RADAR / Covington & Clifton Forge	1,326	1,333	-1%	13,426	12,883	4%
Rockbridge Area CSB	968	940	3%	13,176	11,980	10%
Rockbridge Area Transportation System	986	523	89%	10,462	5,906	77%
Shen-Paco Industries	99	126	-21%	1,305	1,518	-14%
Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging	3,035	2,282	33%	27,992	27,011	4%
The Arc of Harrisonburg/Rockingham	666	662	1%	7,806	6,636	18%
Valley Program for Aging Services	2,787	2,356	18%	29,460	26,398	12%
Vector Industries	3,682	n/a	n/a	23,273	n/a	n/a
Virginia Regional Transit - CATS	5,045	3,319	52%	46,911	38,326	22%
Virginia Regional Transit - City of Staunton	10,289	9,125	13%	100,830	93,115	8%
Virginia Regional Transit - Clarke County	150	179	-16%	1,963	1,797	9%
Virginia Regional Transit - Page County	670	769	-13%	7,869	14,852	-47%
Virginia Regional Transit - Shenandoah Blue Ridge						
Service	2,142	1,313	63%	42,887	25,254	70%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town of Front Royal	837	677	24%	12,062	11,992	1%
Staunton District Total	71,959	59,120	22%	2,271,451	1,936,121	17%
Statewide Total Ridership	16,640,752	16,351,570	2%	198,138,972	187,998,168	5%

CALENDAR COMPARISON	June 2009	June 2008 21	Percent Change	(July 2008 - June 2009)	Fiscal YTD 2008 (July 2007 - June 2008)	Change
Number of Weekdays	22		5%	243	247	-2%
Number of Saturdays and Sundays	8	9	-11%	104	105	-1%
Number of Holidays	0	0	0%	16	15	7%
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PASSENGER RAIL ON-TIME PERFORMANCE	June 2009	June 2008	Change	2009)	2008)	Change
Virginia Railway Express	88.1%	72.7%	21%	88.6%	85.2%	4%
Amtrak***	54.6%	26.9%	103%	n/a	n/a	n/a

<sup>\*</sup>City of Alexandria-King Street Trolley's increase in ridership for FYTD 2009 as compared to FYTD 2008 is due to the fact that the service was implemented in April 2008, so the FYTD 2008 figure is calculated with fewer months of ridership than the FY 2009 figure.

<sup>\*\*</sup>WMATA Metrorail has implemented a more accurate methodology for capturing Virginia-only unlinked passenger trips.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Amtrak currently does not provide fiscal year-to-date on-time performance data.